

BURNS TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEEETING, February, 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Mitchell called the meeting to order with Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call; Present, Adams, Granger, Mitchell and Ritter. Absent, Cole.

Adams moved, Ritter seconded approval of the minutes of the January 7, 2008 regular meeting. Carried.

Treasurer Ritter gave the financial report.

Trustee Cole entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Chief Musall gave the Fire Report saying there were 4 alarms during the month.

He asked us to approve the resignation of Steven Cornish, firefighter, due to personal and work reasons and cannot fulfill his fire obligations.

Mitchell moved, Ritter seconded to approve the resignation of Steven Cornish from the Burns Township Fire roster. Carried.

Musall discussed the move to the new 800 mhz radios. Most of the cost will be paid by state grant monies. Burns will get 4 XLT 2500 Mobile @ \$3,983.00 each and 8 XTS 2500 Portables @ \$2,439.00 each.

Grass Rig 815 is being checked for an electric problem with the emergency lights, also batteries and front end for ball joints replacement.

Tanker 811 has an ongoing electrical problem. Truck also has been stalling. Chief will be meeting with Supervisor Mitchell.

There will be a drafting refresher course through the ice. School lock-down "mock" cancelled due to weather, but Fire Fighters and Byron Police still used the Command trailer and completed a small scenario inside the school using the 800 mhz radios.

Guy Hubbard from SESSA updated the Board on their movements trying to enlarge their ambulance district. They are looking for another place to station their ambulance and crew as the bank doesn't seem interested in dealing with them on our building in Byron.

Norman Caldwell, Shiawassee County Surveyor, presented the board with a very enlightening handout on the remonumentation that has been going on in the county for several years. It is a Statewide activity to recover and preserve the positions of the original Government Survey marker posts of the early 1820's. He brought along 2 of the original stakes that has been found so far. He showed maps of Burns Township where monuments have already been installed. It costs \$8,000. to restake one section. So far, Section's #1, #12, #13, #24, #25, #26, #35 and #36. have been completed. The map also shows that many other monuments have been installed throughout the township here and there. When the county road commission does asphalt roads in the township, they pay for the monuments on those projects. There are 4 or 5 monuments within the Byron village, one being in the cove in the millpond.

Some township's budget monies to go towards this project, their monies staying within the township to be used, in order to help complete this process faster. For each thousand the township gives, the State will match it.

We will consider this request when we hold our 2008-09 Budget Workshop.

Under Public Comments, Bill Bowers, Reed Rd. asked questions and made statements about the Richard Jackson Gravel Pit. There were several neighbors of that pit area there to show concern as to what will go on that land when Jackson sells it. We have heard that he has a buyer, Jerry Atkinson, but the deal is not completed as yet.

As the Atkinson family owns Holiday Shores and Leisure Lake north of Durand, they are wondering if this is a use the family has in mind. Bowers stated that he had talked with County Zoning and was told there is a Special Use Permit for the mining of the gravel pit. Granger stated that that could not be true as it would have had to come to the township planning commission and it has not. The neighbors hope that the land will be used for private homes and not a campground. At this time, the Board has no input pertaining to the gravel pit or surrounding land.

Ritter moved, Granger seconded to hold the 2008-09 Budget Workshop on February 23, at 10 a.m. at the township hall. Carried.

Cole moved, Ritter seconded to pay the bills. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Mitchell moved, Adams seconded to accept the bid from Linda Reid for Hall Janitor work for the January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 at \$1,000. per year, to be paid in intervals of \$250.00 every 3 months. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Granger moved, Adams seconded to accept the bid from Bert's Lawn Service to mow the lawn at the township hall, Gaylord cemetery and Pinetree (Burgess) cemetery. for a total of \$2,000. Roll Call; All Ayes. Carried.

Granger moved, Mitchell seconded to allow the Fireworks Committee to hold a fundraiser, Barbeque, on March 9th to help raise money to pay for the July Fireworks. Carried.

There were 447 voters at the January 15th Presidential Primary Election...out of almost 2,600 registered voters in the township. There will be 3 more elections this year.

The supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

DATED _____ APPROVED _____

CLERK Sharon Granger